reported electrified as on 31.5.2000.

(b) and (c) the priorities for village electrification are determined by the State Electricity Boards/Power Departments as per policy and direction of the State Governments. The time frame for complete electrification of the villages would largely depend upon the availability of financial resources required for creating infrastructure systems, availability of power in the States, demands of the consumers etc.

Completion of Nathpa-Jhakri Power Project in Himachal Pradesh

†1192. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Nathpa Jhakri Project of Himachal Pradesh with fifteen hundred mega watt capacity is going to be completed;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a tariff @ Rs. 2.18 Per Unit has been fixed therefor on the basis of forty years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that an amount of Rs. 500 crore would be collected annually after allowing rebate referred to above; and

(d) if so, the justification for continuing this tariff for forty years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir, the Nathpa Jhakri Hydro Electric Power Project (1500 MW) in Himachal Pradesh is planned to be commissioned by March, 2002

(b) to (d) Keeping in view the approved estimated cost of Rs. 7666.31 crores of the project at June, 1998 Price Level, the first year's tariff is estimated to be Rs. 2.57 per unit at power house bus bar taking into account the project life as 35 years, 12% free power to Himachal Pradesh, 16% return on equity, repayment of loan and interest liabilities, taxes on the income etc. The revenue generation from the sale of electricity during the first year of operation is estimated at Rs. 1500.96 crores. The details of the expected tariff of the project for 35 years of operation are given in the statement.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Cost of generation and expected tariff for first 35 years of operation

Year	Cost of Generation without free power to GOHP (Paise/KWH)	Tariff with free power to GOHP (Paise/KWH)
1	2	3
1	134	257
2	129	251
3	124	246
4	118	240
5	113	234
6	108	228
7	103	222
8	98	216
9	93	254
10	88	251
11	83	269
12	76	263
13	76	257
14	66	254
15	62	250
16	59	247
17	59	248
18	59	248
19	59	248
20	59	249
21	59	249
22	59	249
23	59	249
24	59	249
25	59	249
26	59	249
27	44	224
28	31	201
29	31	201

1	2	3
30	30	200
31	27	195
32	27	195
33	27	195
34	27	195
35	27	195

Investment in power project in J and K

1193. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government and the Government of Jammu and Kashmir would invest in nine power projects in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount to be invested and by when the projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) The National Hydro-electric Power Corporation (NHPC) has been entrusted with the execution of the following seven hydro electric projects in Jammu and Kashmir in the Central Sector.

1. Kishenganga HEP (330 MW)
2. Uri Stage-II HEP (280 MW)
3. Sewa-II HEP (120 MW)
4. Pakaldul HEP (1000 MW)
5. Bursur HEP (1020 MW)
6. Nimoo Bazgo HEP (30 MW)
7. Chutak HEP (18 MW)

Jammu and Kashmir would get 12% free power from these projects. The State would also get 15% Central share of unallocated quota to meet winter peak needs. Jammu and Kashmir have been requested to transfer the projects along with necessary data to NHPC.

The Detailed project Report (DPR) for Kishenganga H.E.